

Bill No. 7-09
Concerning: Schools and Camps –
Workforce Investment Scholarship
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Knapp, Leventhal, Ervin, and Floreen

An Act to:

- (1) establish a workforce investment scholarship program;
- (2) establish a workforce investment scholarship board to ~~[[adopt]]~~ recommend guidelines;
- (3) direct the Department of Economic Development to administer the program; and
- (4) generally enhance workforce development in the County.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 44, Schools and Camps
Article IV, Workforce Investment Scholarship Program

Boldface	Heading or a defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law by original bill.
[Single boldface brackets]	Deleted from existing law by original bill.
<u>Double underlining</u>	Added by amendment.
[[Double boldface brackets]]	Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.
* * *	Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Chapter 44 is amended by adding Article IV as follows:

Article IV. Workforce Investment Scholarship Program.

44-46. Legislative findings.

(a) The economic development of the County requires a well-prepared, educated, trained, and adaptable workforce to meet the current and future needs of County businesses.

(b) The County workforce needs the tools and resources to successfully compete in a complex global economy.

(c) County workforce training should encourage students to prepare for those occupations that are most needed in the County.

(d) County workforce training should provide equal opportunity for women to train for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and generally encourage gender equity in all careers.

(e) Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove provide high quality higher education training in the County.

[[e]] (f) A workforce investment scholarship program would promote economic development in the County.

44-47. Workforce Investment Scholarship Program.

(a) Definitions.

Board means the Workforce Investment Scholarship Board created in Section 44-48.

Director means the Director of the Department of Economic Development or the Director's designee.

(b) The Director must administer a workforce investment scholarship program that:

(1) awards workforce investment scholarships to students in an undergraduate degree program which prepares students for:

(A) one of the County's 10 most needed occupations;

(B) certification by the State Department of Education to teach mathematics or science in a Maryland public school; [[or]]

(C) a degree in engineering, mathematics, or a natural science; or

(D) a degree in early childhood education or early childhood special education.

(2) requires a student who receives a workforce investment scholarship to agree to work in the County as a mathematics or science teacher, as an engineer, or in one of the County's 10 most needed occupations for at least the number of years the student receives the scholarship; and

(3) requires the repayment of the scholarship by a student who does not complete a degree or who does not satisfy other conditions of the scholarship.

(c) The [[Director]] Executive must adopt regulations under Method 2 implementing the [[award]] [[scholarships]] scholarship program after considering the Board's recommendations [[under the regulations adopted by the Board]]. The regulations must govern the award of workforce investment scholarships covering tuition, books, fees, and related expenses to attend an undergraduate degree program at:

1. Montgomery College for the first 2 years; and

2. the Universities at Shady Grove for the last 2 years; or

3. any campus for one of the participating Universities at Shady Grove for the last 2 years if the degree program is not offered at Shady Grove.

44-48. Workforce Investment Scholarship Board

(a) Creation. The County Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Council, a Workforce Investment Scholarship Board, consisting of ~~[[9]]~~ 3 members.

(b) Composition; appointment of members.

(1) ~~[[Six members must be selected from the public and must each be a County resident who is or has been active in government, business, industry, labor, community service, or education.~~

~~(2)]~~ One member must be nominated by the Director.

~~[[3)]~~ (2) One member must be nominated by the President of Montgomery College.

~~[[4)]~~ (3) One member must be nominated by the Executive Director of the Universities at Shady Grove.

(c) Chair; vice chair. The Board must annually select one member as chair and another as vice chair, and any other officers it finds necessary.

(d) Terms; reappointments. The term of office of each member is 3 years. ~~[[A public member must not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.]]~~ A member continues in office until a successor is confirmed.

(e) Compensation. A member receives no compensation for serving on the Board.

(f) Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the members of the Board.

(g) Meetings; reports. The Board may meet at the call of the chair as frequently as required to perform its duties, but no less than 4 times each year. The Board must submit an annual report on December 31 to the Executive and Council summarizing its activities, needs, and recommendations, and the degree to which the goals of the Board are being met.

44-49. Duties of Board.

The Board must:

(a) [[adopt]] recommend regulations [[under Method 2]] governing the award of workforce investment scholarships [[covering tuition, books, fees, and related expenses to attend Montgomery College or the Universities at Shady Grove]];

(b) [[annually specify the County's 10 most needed occupations;

(c) submit]] recommend an annual Workforce Investment Scholarship budget request to the [[Executive]] Director for inclusion in the [[County's]] Executive's recommended annual operating budget;

[[((d))] (c) adopt procedures as necessary to achieve the purposes of this Article, and keep a record of its activities and minutes of all meetings; and

[[((e))] (d) make recommendations to the Executive and the Council on the workforce investment scholarship program.

44-49. [[Staff Support]] Duties of the Director.

The Director:

(a) [[The Director]] must provide staff services and administrative support to the Board;

(b) must annually specify the County's 10 most needed occupations as defined in the regulations;

(c) must submit an annual Workforce Investment Scholarship Program budget request to the Executive; and

(d) may enter into an agreement with Montgomery College, the Universities at Shady Grove, or one of the participating Universities at Shady Grove to administer the scholarship program.

Sec. 2 Transition. The Executive must stagger the initial terms of the members of the Workforce Investment Scholarship Board appointed under Section 44-47 so that one-third of the terms of these members expires each year.

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